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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
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CC: Docket No. 96-45

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

As the FCC and the Federal-State joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to insure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries *at significantly discounted rates*. All schools and libraries need long term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab, and work station. I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

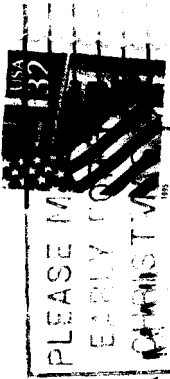
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Dear Reed, [REDACTED]

I am writing in strong support of discounts that will make it possible for schools and libraries to have affordable access from telecommunications carriers. Libraries and schools need such equity rates to continue to provide community access points for all citizens.

The ability of all American citizens to gain technology skills is what schools and libraries will be able to guarantee in their development of technology sites that enhance training and access to lifelong learning, job hunting, work and career development and citizenship information. To fulfill this role libraries and schools need the capacity to support large numbers of simultaneous users and multi-media and hi bandwidth applications. It is necessary to the survival of these two uniquely American institutions that all telecommunications services available commercially, by tariff, or by contract be available to them at a discount rate. Deeper discounts will be needed in high cost and rural areas such as ours in Eastern Oklahoma.

Please consider what libraries and schools are telling you about local needs, including the need to keep the equity rate structure simple enough to handle without complicated procedures.

I ask that you assure universal service for all Americans by providing discounted and equitable telecommunications rates for libraries and schools.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Harkney

Board member,
Eastern Oklahoma District
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and many adults can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination, and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. This is chance is especially important to small rural schools, where the technology can help break the limits of isolation, and where present costs for these services far exceeds the available resources.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provisions I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,



Glenn T. Brown
Superintendent
Linn County R-1

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to ask for your help in allowing libraries to receive discounted phone rates.

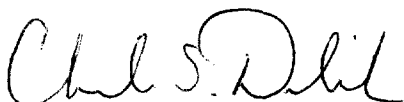
Under the present fee structure, every time our students use the internet for learning purposes in our school library, we pay a business rate for use of the phone lines.

Before school began in September, our school district paid a phone bill of approximately \$500.00 per month. After the start of school, our phone bill increased to over \$800.00 for a month of phone use. I would approximate that most of the 60% increase is directly tied to our widespread use of the internet for our students in Grades K-12.

We are trying to do all that we can to move our children into the 21st century. Allowing libraries access to discounted phone rates would go along way toward improving education in our nation. Finances are so important to the delivery of quality education. A separate fee structure that allowed libraries lower phone rates, would free dollars up for other educational opportunities.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Charles S. Dedrick
Superintendent of Schools

pc: Michael R. McNulty, Congressional Representative
Ginger Hewitt, Head of School District Libraries

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I ask that you assure universal service for all Americans by providing discounted and equitable telecommunications rates for libraries and schools.

Sincerely,

Shirley Thomas
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I am writing to you in regard to action you will be taking shortly related to passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year. It is my understanding that the Telecommunications Act requires that a special rate for education be created to enable educational institutions to secure affordable technology services. The School District of Kettle Moraine is strongly urging your support of permanent significant and affordable discounts for all schools and libraries. These discounts will make it possible for all students at every age to have access to the world of information technology.

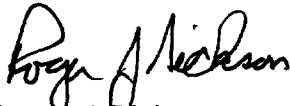
To continue to provide quality education to students, schools need long term discounts that are both affordable and flexible. Those discounts should offer a choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that the services go beyond the schoolhouse door and directly into the classroom, lab and workstation.

The School District of Kettle Moraine covers approximately 90 square miles and serves 4,200 students in six school buildings. The District is located in western Waukesha County off Interstate 94, the main corridor between Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As such, the District has great need for a cost effective method to connect the six schools together and to connect the six schools to the rest of the world. The District has made repeated efforts over the course of the last three years, working with our local telephone company, with ATT, Ameritech and Time Warner to create a cost effective means for telecommunications. All of our efforts have been to no avail. The most reasonable costs to date would create an ongoing cost in excess of \$9,000 per month to meet all of our transmission needs. This is prohibitive and prevents the students of Kettle Moraine from having access to the world of information technology.

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It is imperative that students of today have access to worldwide technology. Doing so will make these students better workers and better citizens. They will be better able to compete in a world that is becoming increasingly dependent upon technology.

This is an important issue. You have important decisions to make. The School District of Kettle Moraine is writing in strong support of significant and affordable discounts for all schools and libraries. I urge you to act on behalf of the children that will benefit from your action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger J. Dickson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" and last name "Dickson" clearly distinguishable.

Roger J Dickson
Assistant Superintendent - Business

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Honorable Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:


Community Unit School District 200 is a large unit school district serving 13,500 students K-12 in the western suburbs of Chicago. We have developed a Strategic Plan with a major goal of successfully integrating technology instructionally and administratively, as well as strategies for improved communication within the organization and with our community.

As a district, we have been anxiously watching the development and subsequent passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for its potential impact on our ability to provide our schools and libraries with affordable access to telecommunications services. We understand the importance of these services to the delivery of relevant instruction to our students as they move into the 21st Century and to our ability to better communicate with the community we serve.

Please consider the reality of the economic strain placed on public education as it attempts to successfully enhance educational delivery with the technological tools students will need to compete in the global community. What may seem to be "affordable" to providers may be out of reach for districts struggling to maintain current programs, much less add technological innovations. We would hope at a minimum, schools and libraries would be given a wholesale price for telecommunications services, and optimally that these discounts could extend to all dimensions of these services--i.e. fiber optics to wireless communications and the necessary installation services.

We appreciate your consideration of today's students as you make your deliberations. They are the citizens of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Dr. E. James Travis
Superintendent

cc: Andrew Barrett
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Richard Vaughan
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Ron Heufelder
Associate Pastor

REF: Universal Service Proceedings - Docket # 96-45

Joel Walker
Music Director

Dear Mr. Hundt:

David Coudrain
Singles' Minister

I understand that a Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service is making a recommendation to the Federal Communications Commission concerning advanced telecommunication services for education. As administrator for a nonprofit school that provides education for grades K-4 through twelfth grade, I am concerned with the high cost of providing this valuable service to our students. Our school has a substantial investment in computer equipment, software, and teacher training. If access costs to the **Information Superhighway** are not controlled for education, our children will not be adequately prepared for the future.

Carl Walcott
Youth Minister

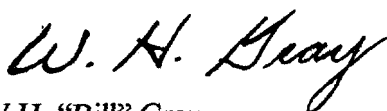
Please make every effort for this information to be made free for schools and libraries. Overcoming this barrier will make a substantial difference in providing quality education to our children. Thank you for your consideration.

Ava Watson
Children's Director

Laurie Jennings
Seniors' Director

Sincerely,

Jesse Flores
Metro Outreach Minister



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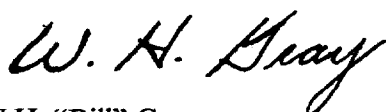
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I recently became aware of an opportunity that the FCC has to help provide students with affordable telecommunications rates during school hours. I would encourage you to use your influence to differentiate between "for-profit" rates and school rates.

Schools are already faced with growing demands on their dollars, and your help in providing our students with affordable access to the Information Highway would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles Claunts
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